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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed June 23, 2005, please amend this patent application as follows.